

Make an Art Quilt

Description:

Children will experiment with a variety of art media as they create a paper quilt.

Materials:

Quilt Square activity sheet, markers, pencils, crayons, paints, paintbrushes, water and containers, glue, old magazines, construction paper, dry pasta, chalk, cloth scraps, safety scissors, large sheet of poster paper or an old bedsheet or towel

Standards: 1 and 5

Concepts: Medium

Level: Grades 1–3

Preparation:

Copy four or more Quilt Square activity sheets for your child. If you prefer, you and your child can draw your quilt squares on paper.

Procedure:

Provide your child with a variety of art materials. Encourage her to use different materials to create pictures, patterns, or shapes on the quilt squares. For example, she could use either crayons or pieces of construction paper to decorate a square. Only one art medium may be used on each square. When the quilt squares are complete, arrange them, glue them together in the form of a quilt, and attach them to a large sheet of paper, an old bedsheet or a towel. Then ask your child which medium best expressed her design. Which quilt square is her favorite? Why?

Extension:

Your child can create larger quilt squares, which can be hung in her bedroom or playroom.

Artist Tie-in:

Faith Ringgold is an artist who creates story quilts, artworks that combine quilting, painting, and storytelling. First she creates the quilts from fabric, then she paints and writes stories on them. One of her quilts can be seen in *JumpStart Artist*. Ringgold also writes children's books.

Just for Kids:

Many different materials can be used to create a picture or a sculpture. Art materials can be purchased at an art store—crayons and paints—found in nature—seeds and sticks—or rescued from the trash—old magazines and bits of fabric. The materials an artist chooses are called *media*. One of these media is a *medium*. Today you will experiment with different media as you create a paper quilt. When you are finished, decide which medium you liked working with best.

Resources:

Web: <http://www.artincontext.org/artist/ringgold/default.htm>

Books:

Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold

